of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry indicating that there were cost overruns ranging from 100 per cent to 400 percent in units of various large scale industries between 1970 and 1980;

(b) what were the main reasons for such large increase in the cost overruns; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to contain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNCHALAM): (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any recent survey conducted by Federation of Indian Chamber Commerce and Industry to study cost overruns.

Import of Crude Oil

2277. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to pay Rs. 3,450/- crores for the import of crude oil for the current year, i.e. Rs. 1,400/- crores more than last year due to the increase in crude oil prices in the international market:

(b) whether the increase in crude oil price in the international market in the current year will lead to increase the prices of petrol and diesel in the country; and

(c) if so, what will be the total amount of increase in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As per estimates, crude oil is likely to be imported at an estimated value of Rs. 3175 crores during the year 1987-88. The value of crude oil imports during the year 1986-87 was about Rs. 2058 crores.

(b) and (c) Under the administered pricing policy for petroeum products, the prices are not generally revised with changes in international prices of crude oil. There is no proposal at present to revise the prices of petrol and diesel.

Complaints against petrol pump dealers

2278. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the malpractices of petrol pump dealers in the country during the last two years, Statewise/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the nature of these malpractices and details of action taken by Government against such dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Complaints alleging commission of malpractices of various types by some retails outlet dealers in the country are received from time to time by Government, by the oil marketing companies and by State Governments/Union Territory Administration as well; these were received during the last two years too. While statistical information relating to such complaints is not maintained as a matter of course in respect of the nearly 14,000 retail outlets in the country, the complaints range from allegations of rude behaviour, short-delivery to adulteration of product. After approprate enquiry by the oil company concerned action like letters of warning suspension of supplies and even termination of dealerships is taken under the Marketing Disciplines Guidelines of the oil industry. The State Governments/U.T. Administrations take action in terms of the relevant laws.

The cation taken against some retail outlets during the last two years by the oil marketing companies is as under:

Year	Warning issued (including explanation etc.)	Suspension of Supplies	Termination of dealership
1985	314	387	1
1986	221	305	1